

June 16, 2014

Dear New Schools Interested in Participating in the Private School Choice Programs in 2015-16:

Under 2014 Act 237, **new** schools interested in participating in the Private School Choice Programs (PSCP) in the 2015-16 school year must be preaccredited by a preaccrediting entity. Wis. Stat. §§ 118.60(1) and 119.23(1) define preaccrediting entities as the Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools or the archdiocese or diocese within which the private school is located by **December 15, 2014**.

Further, **all** private schools participating in the PSCP are required to achieve accreditation by an accrediting entity which include the Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, the archdiocese or diocese within which the private school is located or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation. New schools interested in participating in the PSCP in 2015-16 must be accredited by **December 31, 2018** and must apply for accreditation by **December 31, 2015**.

Schools participating in the PSCP that are fully accredited are required to maintain their accreditation and as such must provide to the DPI, annually by **January 15**, evidence demonstrating that the school remains accredited for the current year. The law requires that schools include as evidence of accreditation a letter prepared by one of the statutorily approved accrediting agencies that confirms that the school is accredited by that agency as of the date of the letter.

Please contact organizations directly with questions about their accrediting process.

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**Independent Schools Association of the Central States**

1165 North Clark Street, Suite 311

Chicago, IL 60610

312-255-1244

[www.isacs.org](http://www.isacs.org)

**National Council for Private School Accreditation (Full Accreditation Only)**

PO Box 13686

Seattle, WA 98198

<http://www.ncpsa.org/>

**National Lutheran School Accreditation**

LCMS School Ministry

1333 S. Kirkwood Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63122

1-800-248-1930 ext 1292

**The Archdiocese of Milwaukee**

PO Box 070912

Milwaukee, WI 53207

<http://www.archmil.org/>

Listing of all Dioceses: <http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/all-dioceses.cfm>

**Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools**

1840 Bond Street

Green Bay, WI 54303

920-499-5561

[www.wacschools.org](http://www.wacschools.org)

**Wisconsin North Central Association**

121 East Rosser Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58501

1-888-413-3669 ext. 5754 (Regional Office)

[www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org)

**Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation**

P.O. Box 685

Muskego, WI 53150

262-895-3679

[www.wrisa.net](http://www.wrisa.net)

**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation**

2929 North Mayfair Road

Milwaukee, WI 53222

414-256-3220

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